

AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE MILLAGE OR FEE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY CERTAIN SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES AND TO ADJUST THE FEE OR MILLAGE RATE IN THIRTEEN SUCH DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, residents in communities across Greenville County have petitioned County Council for the creation of special tax districts for street lighting purposes; and

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, County Council has approved ordinances establishing these street lighting districts under the Home Rule authority granted to county governments in S.C. Code Ann. § 4-9-30(5); and

WHEREAS, each district named in this Ordinance is an administrative division of Greenville County in which an *ad valorem* property tax millage or a uniform service fee is annually levied on real property within the district for the operation and maintenance of street lighting; and

WHEREAS, a countywide reassessment took effect for the 2025 tax year, and the revenue-neutral rollback required by S.C. Code Ann. § 12-37-251(E) reduced the millage carried by the millage-funded districts, leaving several below the level needed to cover the cost of street lighting; and

WHEREAS, the cost of street lighting charged by Duke Energy has risen, and certain districts require an increase in their fee or millage to keep pace with that cost; and

WHEREAS, certain other districts hold accumulated fund balances that exceed their projected operating needs, and County Council finds it appropriate to reduce the levy in those districts to draw those balances down while continuing to fund street lighting; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds that continued funding of street lighting is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens within these special tax districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Millage Levy and Fee Assessment.

The millage levy or fee assessment for the following special tax districts are approved as follows:

A. Fee increases.

(1) Maple Creek: Greenville County Council approves the Maple Creek Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) from seventeen dollars (\$17.00) to thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(2) Cedarvale: Greenville County Council approves the Cedarvale Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) from thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) to forty-seven dollars (\$47.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(3) Washington Heights: Greenville County Council approves the Washington Heights Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of ten dollars (\$10.00) from sixteen dollars (\$16.00) to twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(4) Drexel Terrace: Greenville County Council approves the Drexel Terrace Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) from forty-five dollars (\$45.00) to seventy dollars (\$70.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(5) Broadmoor: Greenville County Council approves the Broadmoor Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to eighty-four dollars (\$84.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(6) Brutontown: Greenville County Council approves the Brutontown Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(7) River Oak: Greenville County Council approves the River Oak Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of twenty dollars (\$20.00) from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to seventy dollars (\$70.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(8) Latosca: Greenville County Council approves the Latosca Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) from ninety-nine dollars (\$99.00) to one hundred thirty-one dollars (\$131.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(9) Forest Hills: Greenville County Council approves the Forest Hills Administrative Tax District fee increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires a fee increase of twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) from seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) to ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

B. Millage increases.

(1) Dunean Community: Greenville County Council approves the Dunean Community Administrative Tax District millage increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires an *ad valorem* millage increase of five and seven-tenths (5.7) mills, from one-tenth of one mill (0.1) to five and eight-tenths (5.8) mills, in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(2) Canterbury Community: Greenville County Council approves the Canterbury Community Administrative Tax District millage increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires an *ad valorem* millage increase of five (5) mills, from one-tenth of one mill (0.1) to five and one-tenth (5.1) mills, in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

(3) Monaghan: Greenville County Council approves the Monaghan Administrative Tax District millage increase for the upcoming tax year based on the anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires an *ad valorem* millage increase of five and nine-tenths (5.9) mills, from seven and seven-tenths (7.7) mills to thirteen and six-tenths (13.6) mills, in order to fully cover the increased cost of street lighting within the District.

C. Millage decreases.

(1) City View Lights: Greenville County Council approves the City View Lights Administrative Tax District millage decrease for the upcoming tax year based on the District's accumulated fund balance and anticipated expenses for street lighting by Duke Energy. The District requires an *ad valorem* millage decrease of nine-tenths (.9) mills, from ten and four-tenths (10.4) mills to nine and five-tenths mills (9.5), in order to draw down the accumulated fund balance while continuing to fund street lighting within the District.

Section 2. Levy and Collection. The Auditor and the Tax Collector of Greenville County are directed to levy and collect the taxes and fees set out in this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, that holding does not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance takes effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator